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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

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Infrastructure & Investment Department – Taking over of Andhra Pradesh Maritime Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited” (APMIDCL) by AP Maritime Board – Orders - Issued.

INFRASTRUCTURE & INVESTMENT (PORT.I) DEPARTMENT

(G.O.Ms.No.17 I&I Dept., dated 11.11.2023)

Read the following:

1. G.O Ms No: 37, EI&I (Ports) Dept., dated 15-11-2018
2. Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board Act, 2019 (Act 16 of 2019)
3. G.O.Ms.No.63, GA(Cabinet-II) Department dated 15-07-2020
4. G.O.Ms.No.64, GA(Cabinet-II) Department dated 15-07-2020
5. Govt. Memo.No.IN101- PORTOMISC/1/2020, dated 4-5-2020
6. Letter No: 125/APMB/2021, Dated 06-12-2021 from CEO, APMB

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, Government have accorded approval for establishment of an organization called "Andhra Pradesh Maritime Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (APMIDCL)" under Companies Act, 2013 for establishment of Ramayapatnam Port and development of other allied Maritime Infrastructure in the State with the organization structure, objectives and Resource mobilization.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government have established AP Maritime Board Act, 2019 which has come into force w.e.f. 16-12-2019 to provide for rapid development of Port sector and the overall development of

hinterland and offshore areas connected to the port-use and industrialisation in port areas in Andhra Pradesh and transferred, to the Board, the powers vested in the Director of Ports and established APMB as the State Government/s Agency in the protection of its sovereign rights in governing waterfront land on the State coastline [Section 15(1)(b) of Act]. Further, Government has incorporated 3 SPVs - Bhavanapadu Port Development Corporation Limited (BPDCL), Machilipatnam Port Development Corporation Limited (MPDCL) and Ramayapatnam Port Development Corporation Limited (RPDCL) under Companies Act 2013 for establishment and development of Bhavanapadu port (Now as Mulapeta Port), Machilipatnam port and Ramayapatnam Port respectively.

3. In the references 3rd and 4th read above, Government have issued orders transferring the subject matter of "Preparation of DPRs, Construction & Maintenance of Fishing Harbours" from "Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries Department" to "Infrastructure & Investment Department". In the reference 5th read above, Government have issued orders that APMIDCL shall look after planning, Development, Construction and Maintenance of Fishing Harbours under the overall supervision of AP Maritime Board.

4. In the reference 6th read above, CEO APMB submitted that APMIDCL was incorporated prior to the establishment of AP Maritime Board and the objective of APMIDCL is to endeavour for the establishment of Ramayapatnam Port and development of "Blue Economy" in the State of Andhra Pradesh by promotion of Maritime infrastructure and other allied activities on all fronts. He has submitted that the functions of both the organisations are similar to one another while the APMIDCL is established through an executive order under the Companies Act, 2013, the AP Maritime Board, is established under a Statute (Act 16 of 2019) and has a wider scope and responsibility.

5. Therefore, CEO APMB has submitted that instead of running both the institutions for performance of one and the similar functions / activities, it may be advisable that functions of both the institutions merge together. This will help centralise all the maritime infra development activities including Fishing Harbours under one roof i.e., AP Maritime Board. Also due to AP Maritime Board balance sheet, loan for the Fishing Harbours can be easily undertaken. The CEO APMB requested that Government may approve to take over the APMIDCL by APMB by adjusting the share capital to Government and bring APMIDCL as a company owned by AP Maritime Board.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby accords approval for taking over "Andhra Pradesh Maritime Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited" (APMIDCL) by AP Maritime Board and make APMIDCL - an 100% subsidiary of AP Maritime Board, duly acquiring the outstanding share capital of GoAP in APMIDCL and following other statutory formalities.

7. The CEO, AP Maritime Board & MD, APMIDCL shall take necessary action in this regard and submit the action taken report to Government.

8. This order issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No. FIN01-64030/55/2018-FMU-ENERGY-FIN (C.No.633083), dated 11.11.2023.

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